Price of Ranitidine

277. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Minister of CHEMICALS FERTILIZERS be pleased to •s to Unstarred test-ion No. 312 given jn Rajya Sabhn on 28th July, 1994 and state;

(a) *wlien* was the price of bulk Ranitidine reduced;

(b) what was the leva! at which is lapse occurred and why the res- ty has not been fixed;

(c) whether the producers of Zi formulations made crores of rupees in the bargain and avoided Luction by paying considera-and

(d) what steps hav$_e$ been taken to investigate tliis matter which involved crores o[1]? rupees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUAR-DO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) After the promulgation of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 the then major producer of Ranitiding *was* exempt from price con trol for a period of 5 years. On expiry of this period, con- ducted a cost-cum-technical study of the bulk drug and subsequently price of bulk drug Ranitidine was notified on 16.3.1994 and ceiling the Pri;e$_s$ of the formulations based on this bulk drug were notified on 6.7.1994.

Price of Forlvviu range of foiaiuiations

SHRI H. HANU1 -
Will the Mi] CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS b d to s'ate:

(a) whei -Uig$_e$. of formulations ha :ed by so; what are the ; formulations; date *ox* fixation and the g rice on.
which they ar (b) why the price of igwith the reducl a duty and who is a account of which company is making croi rupees;

(c) whether it is a fact that the company has also commenced local production of the bulk drug and also selling several formulations without price approval and if so; vh their names; and sinc$_e$ when each is being marketed;

(d) whether it is a fact that the president of the company is engaged in overinvoicing of import of this drug. D.Alpha Fhanyl Glycine and certain ether intermediates; and

(e) what steps have been taken to ■ ire into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUAR-DO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The prices of Fortwin range of formulations based on invoice price/DGHS weighted v ■. rage import price of the bulk drug have been revised in accordance with the provisions of DPCO: 1987 and the details are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of formulation	Pack Size	M.R. price with E.D./ Date	Bulk drug price adopted (Rs.)
1.	Fortwin Injection	12×1 ml Amp.	61.26	46511.44 per kg. (Inv. price)
2.	Fortwin Tabs.	10's Strip	28.8.91 26.84	52002.45 per kg. DGHS Import price.
3.	Forncel Tabs.	10's Strip	22.6.93 20.87	
4.	Fortwin Inj..	8×1 ml. Amp.	22.6.93 46.78	58421.24 per kg. DG import p
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(c) Ye$_5$ Sir. The manufacturer has reported that they commenced com. mercial production of the bulk drug Pentazocine in August, 1394. According to the records the company has not obtained price approval for the bulk drug manufactured by them snd the formulations thereof.

They have submitted an application dated 29th November; 1994 for exemp. tion of the bulk drug and its formula, tions from price control on grounds of indigenous R and D.

(d) and (e) No such instance has come to the notice.

Exemption granted to Naldixic Acid

279. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL;

SHRI H. HANUMAN-THAPPA;

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) when wa$_s$ exemption granted to Naldixic Acid from price control on the ground of Research and Development and when did this exemption expire;

(b) what steps were taken thereafter to fix the price of formulations and the bulk drug and is it a fact that Gramoneg and Gramogel range of formulations are being marketed without price approval from the very beginning;

(c) if so, when and what action has been taken;

(d) whether it is a fact that the producer of the bulk drug refused to give cost data to the BICP and that the Ministry consented and directed BICP to work out the price based on the available data; and

(e) when was the BICP recommendation received and what action has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF BTATE IN THB-MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) to (e) The exemption granted on 4-2-1991 expired on 31-10-92. On 13.6.1994 BICP recommended a price for the bulk drug[1] on the basis of data available with them as the requisite data had not been received from the manufacturer (it wa$_s$ received sufoseque.su to the submission of the Report by BICP). The price of the bulk: drug has since been notified. BICP has accordingly been asked to recommend the price of formulations based on thi$_s$ bulk drug.

Belii&o&siEig; of fertiliser industry

280. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN; Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) whether fertilizer indusry has beei ' used;

(b|) if not, by 0 will be) delicensed; and

(c) what investment from foreign countries ha$_s$ been made in respect of fertilizer production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TUB MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI. EDUARDO FALEIRO); (a) Yes, Sir.

es not arise.

(c) As per the available information, the equity investment in the Indian fertilizer industry from tho foreign cauntriep is currently around Rupees sixty croers.

Drags under prico control

281. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

WiU the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 73 drugs have been put under the prices